(a) whether it is fact that a Biometric ATM Service was introduced in the Vaishali Branch of Central Bank on 12th February, 2007;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the wages given by the bank through ATM were recovered by it after a short while;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the other districts where Biometric ATM Service has been introduced so far and the districts where this has been a successful;

(ē) the reasons for the failure of ATM service; and

(f) the reasons for non-payment of wages by the bank through ATM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Biometric ATM service was introduced in the Vaishali Branch of Central Bank of India as Bank's pilot project and has been technically commissioned successfully.

(b) to (f) Wages to beneficiaries of National Rural Employment Generation Scheme were paid by local authorities through the Biometric ATM installed at the Bank's premises. The wages are not paid by bank to these beneficiaries. There was no failure of ATM services and the Biometric ATMs are gaining space in India with its added advantage for authentication of cardholders specifically for illiterate/rural population facilitating financial inclusion.

ADB aid to Orissa

4330. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ADB proposes to advance an amount of $ 8 billion primarily for infrastructure road sector and human resource development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the projects that are proposed to be carried out in Orissa under this loan-head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Asian Development Bank

has tentatively finalized the pipeline for Calendar Years 2007-2009. The pipeline aims at gradually increasing the lending volume from US $2.45 billion in CY 2007 to US $2.65 billion in CY 2008 and to US $2.85 billion by CY 2009. Transport projects are likely to account for 34%. Urban for 22.6% and Energy for 19.5%. Loans for developing agriculture infrastructure, modernizing commodity markets, improving water and coastal resource management and supporting public-private partnerships in tourism infrastructure are likely to account for around 24%.

(c) The proposed Orissa integrated irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Project for US $ 200 million is in the pipeline for CY 2008. The objective of the loans is to enhance productivity and sustainability of existing major, medium and minor, lift irrigation systems through Participatory Irrigation Management and Integrated Water Resources Management.

Switching over from cash based accounting system to accrual system

4331. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission to improve finance reporting of State Governments in the long term by switching over from cash-based accounting system to accrual system;

(b) if so, which are the States which have adopted this system and those which have not; and

(c) what steps have been taken to persuade remaining State Governments lagging behind so that Central Government is in a better decision making syndrome while allocating resources to States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC) has, in para 14.16 of its report, recommended that the Central Government should gradually move towards accrual basis of accounting. The recommendation of the TFC has been